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The Department of External Affairs announced today that on Saturday May 26, in Moscow, Mr. R.E. Collins, Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of Canada in the USSR, and Mr. V.V. Kuznetsov, First Deputy Mirister for Foreign Affairs of the USSR, exchanged the Instruments of Ratification of the Trace Agreement between Canada and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, signed at Ottawa on February 29, 1956 and ratified by Canada on May 9, 1956 and by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on April 29, 1956.

Under the provisions of the Agreement it entered into force provisionally on the date of signature and enters into force definitively on the date of exchange of the Instruments of Retification. Thus this Agreement entered into force definitively on May 26, 1956.

Present during the exchange of the Instruments of Ratification were: IM J.O. Parry and Leonard Houzer, Secretaries at the Canadian Embassy and IM S.A. Borisov, Deputy Minister for Poreign Trade of the USSR, V.J. Erofeev, Head of the Second European Department of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the USSR, and G.I. Tonkin, Head of the Legal and Treaty Department of the Ministry for Poreign Affairs of the USSR.